

## NEWS ABOUT CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS

The all-wise editors of the organs of special privilege are now telling labor all about it—just what to think and just what to do. Here's a sample from the Chicago Daily News, owned and published by Victor F. Lawson, who is also the real owner of the Record-Herald, and who wants to own The Tribune, too:

"The great service to labor which Mr. Steffens has performed is the bringing about of a situation which enables labor to 'find itself.' Thus it is given the opportunity which it must not fail to use to the fullest extent, to reject and repudiate now and forever the lawbreaker who commits foul crimes and defends them on the plea that he is 'making war' in labor's interest."

Suppose we admit all of the argument, why not dose the goose with the same sauce as the gander?

If Lawson is owner and editor of The News and actual owner of The Record-Herald, why not print an editorial in both of these organs of Big Business, issuing a similar mandatory injunction to newspapers commanding them "to reject and repudiate now and forever the lawbreaker who commits foul crimes," even though those foul crimes include the slugging of Tribune newsboys by Record-Herald sluggers?

It was only a short time ago—a matter of a few weeks—when an employe of the Record-Herald named Dowd, was arrested on complaint of The Tribune for

slugging a Tribune newsboy.

Now that the virtuous Mr. Lawson feels as he professes to feel about crime, isn't it a good time for him to use his influence as boss of the Chicago newspaper trust, to have them reject "now and forever" all hoodlums hired by newspapers as sluggers?

Even if the learned publisher can't tell the other publishers what to do, he certainly ought to have enough influence with his News and Record-Herald to persuade them to get rid of all lawless sluggers in their employ.

There may be some reason why it is wrong for workingmen to hire lawbreakers, and right for Big Business to do the same thing. But we can't see how it's right either for a McNamara to fight with dynamite or a newspaper publisher to use prize-fighters.

About the only difference is that it requires some courage to handle dynamite, while a coward can hire sluggers.

But the average man will feel that lawbreaking is wrong, no matter who the offender may be; and that it is even less admirable in a rich man than a poor one.

Just now the people of Chicago are frightened by the daily outrages of the criminal class, yet a large part of the police force is loaned out to a privileged few—protecting private property while human life is being destroyed recklessly day and night.

And it develops that the Chi-